

## ABSTRACT

The problem that a target stop position can not be searched accurately when videotaping is started midway on a blank videotape having no control signals thereon is solved as follows. In order to locate the target stop position while the counter display counts up or down as the tape is transported, the action to stop the tape is started when the counter display reads the same value as in the target stop position. Then, when the tape is reversed to offset the overrun due to inertia, the tape transport is controlled so that the reverse motion stops when a prescribed number of control signals have been detected and the display shows that the time required to reach the target stop position becomes a prescribed time or less. Consequently, the target stop position can be searched accurately, whether or not there are recorded control signals on the tape.